

LANGUAGE ARTS GRADE: RESEARCH PAPER FINAL DRAFT RUBRIC

Name: _____ DUE WED, MAY 15TH BEFORE 3:00 PM

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LATE POLICY: Students will be sent to the O.R. or given Wed. & Saturday detentions until the assignment is completed & submitted.

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MLA formatting: / 5 points

- ☐ (1) Is the paper typed in Times New Roman, 12 point font?
- ☐ (1) Is each paragraph indented no more than one "tab-button" space?
- ☐ (1) Is there a proper heading in upper left hand corner on the first page only?
- ☐ (1) Is there a proper header in the upper right hand corner with student's last name & consecutive page numbers on each page?
- ☐ (1) Is the entire paper's text evenly double-spaced throughout the paper?

Grammar: / 10 points

- ☐ (2) Are the spelling errors minor & not take away from the overall paper or the reader's experience?
- ☐ (2) Are the punctuation errors minor & not take away from the overall paper or the reader's experience?
- ☐ (2) Is every sentence a complete sentence—no run-ons or fragments?
- ☐ (2) Are all sentences grade appropriate—a mixture of simple & complex sentencing?
- ☐ (2) Has all awkward wording or unclear meanings been removed?

Paragraph Structure of Writing: / 19 points

Introduction: (5 points)

- ☐ (1) Does it begin with attention-getting "Hook" to engage the reader's interest?
- ☐ (2) Does it end with a proper thesis statement?
- ☐ (3) Are there at least 5 sentences?

3 Body Paragraphs: (9 points)

- ☐ (3) Does each body paragraph begin with an effective TOPIC sentence?
- ☐ (3) Does the writer use transitional words throughout each paragraph to introduce new details?
- ☐ (3) Does each body paragraph end with an effective SUMMARY sentence?

Conclusion: (5 points)

- ☐ (2) Does the conclusion begin with a REWORDED THESIS statement?
- ☐ (1) Does the conclusion effectively and smoothly summarize the paper's main ideas without sounding repetitive and without introducing new information that wasn't previously stated?
- ☐ (1) Does the paragraph end with a thought-provoking detail or question to keep the readers thinking?
- ☐ (1) Are there at least 5 sentences?

Required 1 Direct Quote & Parenthetical Citation: / 7 points

- ☐ (1) Does the quote have quotation marks around it?
- ☐ (1) Is the quote less than 2 sentences long and does it appear to be carefully chosen (no "obvious" or otherwise better-off summarized information)?
- ☐ (1) Was the quote carefully copied so that it does not contain any spelling, punctuation or grammar errors?
- ☐ (1) Is the quote followed by a citation written inside parenthesis?
- ☐ (1) Can the quote citation easily match one of the sources listed on the Works Cited Page?
- ☐ (1) Does the citation include the proper information for what was available for that source?
- ☐ (1) Is the citation properly punctuated?

MLA Works Cited Page: / 9 points

- ☐ (1) Does it begin on a separate page *after* the rest of the paper?
- ☐ (0.5) Is it titled "Works Cited" and centered at the top of the page?
- ☐ (1) Is there still a header at the upper right hand corner of the page with a consecutive page number? (WC should not be "page 1")
- ☐ (3) Is there at least 1 book, 1 online source & 1 credible "other" source listed?
- ☐ (1) Is the entire page still in Times New Roman, 12-point size font and double spaced?
- ☐ (1) Is each source written carefully with proper capitalization, spelling and punctuation and all of its (available) information?
- ☐ (1) Do all the sources all appear to be credible and unbiased?
- ☐ (0.5) Are hanging indents visible? (*Is each 2nd line of an entry indented 5 spaces to the right?*)

Research Paper Final Draft: Language Arts Grade: _____/50 Assessment Points

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"Content" Research Paper

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Body Paragraph #1

Had three separate details supporting paragraph topic sentence _____/3

Information explained as if reader knows nothing about topic; explains all people, places, and events mentioned _____/1

All information is correct and accurate _____/1

Enough information was made available and sentence minimum was met _____/1

Body Paragraph #2

Had three separate details supporting paragraph topic sentence _____/3

Information explained as if reader knows nothing about topic; explains all people, places, and events mentioned _____/1

All information is correct and accurate _____/1

Enough information was made available and sentence minimum was met _____/1

Body Paragraph #3

Had three separate details supporting paragraph topic sentence _____/3

Information explained as if reader knows nothing about topic; explains all people, places, and events mentioned _____/1

All information is correct and accurate _____/1

Enough information was made available and sentence minimum was met _____/1

Social Studies Content Total

_____/24

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